

*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION*

PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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1. Indicate your present employment.

Assistant Public Defender – Team Leader

- 2.

- a. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

Licensed since 2002 – BPR# 22100

- b. If you are an attorney, identify your primary subject area(s) of practice, present and past.

Criminal

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the state of Tennessee.

12 Years

4. List the county or counties in which you have resided in the past year.

Davidson

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

☐ Yes ☒ No

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the national guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender or employee of a district public defender?

☒ Yes ☐ No (I am a Public Defender, but I am a county employee, not a state employee)

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation

for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

No

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member. (300 words or less)

I am applying to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission because I want the very best candidates serving as judges in our state. I am an attorney that practices in the courtroom every week. It is vitally important to me, and the clients I represent, that the judges we stand before are objective, honest, civil, and hard working.

There are several reasons why I would be a positive addition to this Commission. First of all, I am very experienced practicing in front of Tennessee Judges. For almost nine years, working at the Davidson County Public Defender's Office, I have represented clients before Tennessee Judges on a weekly basis. I am currently a Team Leader in charge of supervising a team of attorneys practicing in Davidson County courtrooms. I have tried 20 jury trials. I have argued before the Court of Criminal Appeals. I have represented clients facing the death penalty. I am very familiar with the qualities and attributes that make an outstanding judge. I also know the traits and flaws that we do not want in judges.

Another reason I would be an effective member is because selecting quality judges is something that is vitally important to me. My clients appear before these judges. In order for me to do the best job I can for my clients, I need judges that are fair and honest with all parties.

The final reason I want to be on this Commission, and believe I have something valuable to add, is that I would take this task very seriously and do my best to ensure that the best candidates are recommended for judicial appointment. Appointing excellent judges is important to me both as a citizen of this state and as an attorney that practices in Tennessee courtrooms. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on this Commission and believe that I have the necessary experience to be a positive addition.

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.


☐ Lieutenant Governor

- ☐ Speaker of the House
- ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct.

- ☒ I am not employed as a lobbyist.
- ☒ I am not an employer of a lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 62 day of May, 2011.


Signature of Applicant